



## Granada Garage Breaks Ground

Construction on the new, downtown parking garage got underway September 13th. In August, the Santa Barbara City Council awarded the construction of the redesigned Granada Garage to the McCarthy Building Company for the low bid amount of \$19.9 million. This is \$3.6 million less than the original bid and a total project cost savings of \$5.3 million. In addition, the city has a better design six weeks ahead of schedule.

Excavation for the underground levels will be completed in early November 2004, with the final completion of the parking structure by November 18, 2005. The office building, bike station, and restrooms will be completed by February 14, 2006.

You can see a sneak preview of the new structure at <a href="https://www.granadagarage.com/">www.granadagarage.com/</a>.



Alternate parking during construction is now available. Approximately 50 temporary parking spaces have been installed on the 00 blocks of Victoria Street. These spaces are in



addition to the other temporary spaces along Anapamu Street, for a total of 210 spaces. This will offset the loss of parking with the closing of City Parking Lot 6,

when construction of the Granada Garage begins. Access to these parking spaces is from Chapala and Anacapa Streets.

#### **Pavement Makeover**



The city's annual Slurry Seal Program is underway. Close to 5.9 million square feet of pavement will be treated this year in an area that

includes the Mesa, the southeast-side neighborhood, the upper Riviera, and the Sycamore Canyon area. The Pavement Preparation Program precedes and operates in conjunction with the Slurry Seal Program. This work began the first week of September and should be completed around the end of November.

#### **Big on Power**

#### Fuel cells for El Estero Wastewater Treatment Plant

Two 87,000-pound fuel cells shipped from the East Coast on 120-foot long trucks are currently being installed, and should begin producing electricity by the end of October. The fuel cells will use digester gas (methane) produced in the anaerobic digesters at the El Estero plant as a carbon source. The fuel cells will strip the hydrogen ions and use them to generate electricity. The 500-kilowatt fuel cells will be sufficient to meet about half the needs of the treatment plant.

## Santa Barbara High School Water Well Projects

This is the second of two new city water wells, drilled recently to maintain the city's capacity to produce groundwater as a back-up for periods of drought or other water supply emergencies. Both projects included periods of round-the-clock drilling. Extensive noise control measures have been successful in minimizing impacts to neighboring residents. Test pumping results are being analyzed to determine the appropriate scope and timing for the Phase 2 work.

#### How's Your Green Thumb?

The Green Gardener Certification Program, a project of the city and county of Santa Barbara, has trained more than 700 local landscape professionals in resource-efficient landscaping. Enrollment in this award-winning program is open to anyone interested in creating a healthy landscape. The course is offered in English and in Spanish. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.greengardener.org">www.greengardener.org</a>, or call (805) 564-5460.

## Going for the "Gold" in Recycling



Becoming the recycling leader in the state of California is ambitious. Santa Barbara will be setting both a statewide precedent for effective recycling and waste diversion efforts, as well as increasing the effectiveness of recycling in city offices.

The *City Office Recycling Group* recently convened to make the city's recycling goals a reality at city facilities. With the participation of all departments, we are working to create an effective, simple recycling program in the city. By safely disposing of our hazardous waste and recycling the majority of our waste, the city is taking the lead in recycling, and is fast on its way to diverting 70% of its waste stream by 2010.

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